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TO: Each Supervisor

FROM: Donald L. Wolfe
Director of Public Works

**LAC+USC MEDICAL CENTER REPLACEMENT PROJECT
PSYCHIATRIC UNIT CONVERSION
INTENT TO NEGOTIATE SOLE-SOURCE AGREEMENTS
SPECS. 6847; C.P. 86905**

In accordance with your Board's Policy 5.100, Sole-Source Contracts, this memo is to notify you of our intent to negotiate two sole-source consultant agreements for the LAC+USC Medical Center Replacement Project Psychiatric Unit Conversion.

Johnson Controls, Inc.

Johnson Controls, Inc. (JCI), is a subcontractor on the existing LAC+USC Medical Center Replacement project, and is responsible for all of the low-voltage wiring systems. This includes systems such as fire alarm, telephone and data communications, nurse call, and code blue among others. The LAC+USC Medical Center Replacement Project Psychiatric Unit Conversion involves modification and/or installation of these specialty systems in the reconfigured ward. In addition to installing the systems, JCI would be required to prepare detailed plans for the fire alarm system that require review and approval from the Office of Statewide Health Planning and Development.

It is recommended that this design and installation work be contracted with JCI on a sole-source basis to assure compatibility between the systems installed within the former 22,000-square-foot Psychiatric Ward and the systems throughout the balance of the 1.5-million-square-foot hospital. This will also avoid any conflicts in the future should warranty issues arise. Also, JCI's knowledge and experience with the balance of the hospital should reduce both the cost and duration of the installation and thereby expedite completion of this ward.

The cost of this design and installation is estimated to be approximately \$450,000.

Swisslog, Inc.

Swisslog, Inc., is also a subcontractor on the existing LAC+USC Medical Center Replacement Project. They are responsible for the pneumatic tube system and automated guided vehicle system. Both of these are very specialized systems. The LAC+USC Medical Center Replacement Project Psychiatric Ward Conversion results in the need for minor reprogramming of the software for the automated guided vehicle system and slight modification of the pneumatic tube at the nurse's station in the ward.

For very similar reasons as JCI, it is recommended that Swisslog be contracted on a sole-source basis to assure consistency throughout the hospital and to avoid potential warranty issues. The cost of this work is estimated to be approximately \$25,000.

We have reviewed the criteria stipulated in your Board's policy regarding sole-source contracting and believe this action complies with the policy.

In accordance with your Board's policy, we will proceed with negotiating the final agreement unless otherwise instructed by a Board office. In order to expedite completion of the LAC+USC Medical Center Replacement Project Psychiatric Unit Conversion, we are scheduled to present these contracts for your Board's consideration on April 17, 2007.

If you have any questions, please call me or your staff may contact David Howard at (626) 300-2300.

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